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Tim Cokley of Lighthouse Home Missions which serves the homeless in both Wayne and Westland discussed the need for help at the shelter recently.

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Westland police investigators are attempting to identify a man who grabbed a pair of Cartier glasses off the face of the owner last month.

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Patience urged in Canton road repair

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams urged residents to be patient regarding road repairs, noting there are about 480 lane miles of roadway involved.

"It's a 20-year plan so it will not be overnight," he said following a Nov. 27 study session at which a number of residents spoke. "It will require the community to have patience."

Canton voters approved 1.45 mills for roads during the August primary election, to be divided among local county, primary county and state roads. At the study session, residents asked members of the Canton Board of Trustees about local road upgrades as well as major roads including Haggerty and Sheldon.

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> **Pat Williams**

Melissa Daub, commissioner-elect for the Wayne County Board of Commissioners, noted during public comments, "Maybe in 2020 we'll see Sheldon on the list and Haggerty." Road repairs and projects are handled by different units of government, with Williams noting past difficulties in working with Wayne County.

"We're not fixing potholes with any of this millage money," Williams told residents. "You've got to ride Wayne County hard."

Tim Faas, Canton director of municipal services, explained 30 percent of millage money is allocated to local county roads, 55 percent to primary county roads, and 15 percent to state roads, for an annual program total of $5,506,872.That total doesn't include the $165,300

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Legal opinion

County prosecutor speaks to Northville Town Hall audience

Julie Brown
Staff Writer

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, whose office handles 41 percent of all Michigan felony trials, knows the "CSI" television show influences jurors.

"We just want jurors to listen to what the facts are," she said of that show portraying dramatic ease in finding fingerprints. "Disavow yourself of preconceived notions of how a criminal trial is done. Come in with an open mind."

Worthy, a former Wayne County Circuit Court judge who's headed up the prosecutor's office since 2003, has served on a jury. "It really helped me prosecute cases. That experience as a juror made me a better prosecutor," she said.

Worthy began a series of Town Hall meetings last week by speaking to a crowded auditorium at Northville Township Hall. After outlining the work of her office, she answered a number of audience questions. The town halls will continue, including in Detroit neighborhoods.

Her office handles 18,000-22,000 felony cases a year, with Worthy praising diversion programs for some, such as first-time juvenile offenders who can have their record expunged by meeting certain conditions.

The Child Abuse Unit is staffed by those with special training. "Many children in child abuse cases as you know are threatened with their lives," said Worthy, noting the seriousness of these cases.

The office also has an Elder Abuse Unit ("although it's not very old as I get closer to that age," she said of 65), Homicide, and Domestic Violence Units.

"We really have a rampant domestic violence problem in Wayne County. We have to be able to prove the case in court. These are cases we take very seriously," she said of the nearly 9,000 cases this year.

Worthy discussed school violence, and her staff's work with law enforcement to curtail it. She distributed a letter to the audience, translated into Spanish and Arabic, urging parents to talk to children about making such threats.

"Almost every municipality in Wayne County has experienced these," she said. Often, threats are made via social media or to classmates. All are investigated, with warrants issued to see if guns or bomb-making materials are on hand.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy

"Sometimes they do it and they think it's funny," Worthy said, adding a cautionary note that university acceptances have been revoked following such threats.

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> **Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy**

Northville Township Public Safety Director Todd Mutchler said he felt the letter was effective.

"I really think this letter the prosecutor put together is addressing school safety issues," he said.

Worthy spoke about the11,341 untested rape kits discovered in Detroit.

"We have them almost all tested. We now have legislation that deals with that as well."

That evidence has led to locating 833 suspected serial rapists, and 152 convictions. She noted the U.S. Justice Department helped with grants, as did others, including Wayne County Commission support.

Worthy noted DNA evidence from the kits can yield a "direct hit" of a genetic profile with a name. "We still have to put the case together," she said, again noting it's unlike television. "But it's a useful tool. When we do this, we get hits from other states."

That's led to arrests, she added, with only 10 U.S. states not impacted by the Wayne County rape kit testing. "Michigan has led the way" and been bipartisan on this issue, she said. "So this is our way of making sure this never, ever, ever happens again," she added of bar coding to share data across jurisdictions.

Said Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier after Worthy spoke, "I thought it was great." Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams noted

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Romulus development efforts win honors

The City of Romulus received the highest possible rating for efforts contributing to entrepreneurial growth and economic development in the state.

Romulus was the only downriver-area community to earn a five-star rating during the annual eCities study conducted by researchers at iLabs, the University of Michigan-Dearborn Center for Innovation Research.

The main thrust of the study is best business practices and innovations implemented by local government, a spokesman explained.

"By analyzing these high-performing communities, our goal is to showcase what cities and townships are doing to spur growth and how we can continue to support their efforts in developing business and encouraging entrepreneurs," said iLabs Director Tim Davis.

> *Economic development helps a city grow. It's a key function of municipal government.*
>
> **Timothy Keyes**

Romulus was acknowledged Nov. 29 during the Center for Innovation Research executive speaker series, which discussed Michigan economic growth, including key areas such as capital, infrastructure, industry and the ecosystem.

"The City of Romulus recognizes the importance of economic development, business attraction and retention and bringing jobs to the community," said Romulus Mayor LeRoy D. Burcroff. "The importance of our focus cannot be overstated. We don't do it for awards, but we are grateful for the recognition by such a prestigious organization as UM-Dearborn's Center for Innovative Research."

"Economic development helps a city grow," said Timothy Keyes, Romulus' long-time economic development director. "It's a key function of municipal government. Our team has experience and knowledge of local and regional development issues. We work smart and hard every day to meet the needs of the business community and our residents."

Romulus was recognized for implementing a policy for cultivating relationships with the local business community that includes four key initiatives:

- Business-to-business meet-and-greet gatherings.
- City-hosted job fairs with visibility to Romulus residents

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Northville - Plymouth

Board of education accepting applications

Patty Mullen has resigned her seat on the Plymouth Canton Community Schools Board of Education.

Mullen announced her resignation at the Nov. 20 meeting of the board citing time constraints as her reason for leaving her unexpired term. Her resignation will become effective Dec. 10 and the remaining members of the board will have 30 days to fill her term with an appointed member.

The appointed board trustee will serve from Jan. 1, 2019 through Dec. 31, 2020, completing Mullen's term.

Mullen emailed her formal resignation to board President Kate Borninski and then read her statement at the meeting.

"At this time, I am not able to dedicate the time and energy the position requires and that the citizens and students deserve," she said. "It was a true honor to have been elected by the citizens of our district and I'm proud to have served as a trustee."

Anyone interested in applying for the appointment can submit a letter of interest including their qualifications and a resume to the E.J. McClendon Center, 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, 48170 or email the requested information to elizabethadams@pccsk12.com. Applications will only be accepted until 4 p.m. Dec. 10.

For more information, contact Elizabeth Adams (734) 416-3048.

Quick response time controls fire damage

Fast response from the Northville Township Fire Department is credited for limiting the damage at a garage fire Nov. 24.

According to official reports of the incident, Northville Township fire fighters were dispatched to a home located in an area of the township where there are no fire hydrants in response to a reported garage fire. Tanker trucks were requested from neighboring fire departments to control the fire, noted Director of Public Safety Todd L. Mutchler. He added that the homeowner's fast recognition of the fire and immediate call to 911 were also factors in extinguishing the blaze with limited damage.

The fire began around a wood-burning stove used to heat the garage, Mutchler said, and garage fires can move very quickly due to the open construction and the type and amount of contents.

"The quick response of the fire department helped to save a classic car and the majority of the contents stored inside the garage," he added.

"This incident is a great reminder to have your chimney cleaned and inspected before it is used and also periodically throughout the year. Creosote buildup is the leading cause of chimney fires. Also, remember to check your smoke alarms. Make sure a smoke alarm is installed in every sleeping room, in the hallway outside the sleeping room and on every floor," Mutchler added in a prepared statement.

He also suggested that homeowners have a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm installed on every level of their home, especially outside of any sleeping rooms.

"With the winter weather upon us, there is an increase in the use of your furnace, water heater, and fireplace all leading causes of CO incidents," he said.

Mutchler also thanked the Northville City and the Salem Township fire departments for their assistance in the incident.

Fire left serious damage to a Northville Township garage last week.

Worthy

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past rancor between Wayne County officials such as Robert Ficano and said, "Kim has done a very good job to turn that around."

Worthy also addressed the steep auto insurance rates in Michigan and the impact of legalized recreational marijuana. "We're still assessing all this right now," she said of that Nov. 6 vote, noting her office hasn't prosecuted marijuana possession for a long time, and likely will dismiss Michigan State Police and Wayne County Sheriff tickets for that offense.

She was asked about the opioid crisis, and said her office Business Protection Unit and police discovered that big box stores were being victimized by drug addicts paid to take stolen merchandise to pawn shops to pay for opioids.

"I really have to applaud the Canton Police Department on this. Basically, it's organized retail fraud," Worthy said, noting often the offenders have been paid in drugs.

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Two CVS stores in Detroit closed due to the problem. "We don't want that to happen," said Worthy, who's seeking unit funds from chambers of commerce and stores.

"We want to get them out of that business," she added of those offenders, noting diversion programs and courts that deal with mental health, veterans and other issues.

"I don't care if you are the mayor of the city," Worthy said to a ripple of laughter Nov. 29, reminding listeners of her high-profile prosecution of former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick. She noted a home break-in or other offense is taken seriously by her office and staff, much as a homicide is.

"We have gotten a modicum of justice for people who have been wronged," she said, using the word closure. I have such hardworking prosecutors in the office. That's very gratifying for me."

She urged audience members concerned about animal cruelty to write their legislators, noting bills in Lansing and limits on what prosecutors can do. Worthy cited studies that such cruelty leads to violence against humans.

Worthy noted police body cameras can yield good information, but have also dramatically increased her staff workload. Some one-third of jurisdictions in the county have them, with more to come, she noted.

"We care about having a safe place to live, work, play and worship," said Worthy, who met afterward with many residents. She thanked the public officials who attended, including law enforcement.

Said Northville Township Supervisor Robert Nix II, "We're really excited we're able to do this. This is a special event for us."

MINUTES OF REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING

November 13, 2018

Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd. Romulus, MI 48174

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem John Barden.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

1. Moved by **Talley,** seconded by **Abdo** to accept the agenda as amended. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-393 2A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Webb** to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 5, 2018. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

3. Petitioner

4. Chairperson's Report

Mayor Pro Tem John Barden read a resolution to recognize the 50th wedding anniversary of Minnie and Terry Edwards.

4. Moved by **Roscoe,** seconded by **Webb** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

5. Mayor's Report

Mayor Burcroff presented a video of upcoming City events.

18-394 5A. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to concur with the administration and award ITB 18/19-11 to the most responsive and responsible bidder, Wear Parts and Equipment Company, Inc., for a guaranteed fixed pricing for underbody scraper blades for the City of Romulus DPW Dept. in the amount of $26,845.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-395 5B. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Talley** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 18/19-14 to Jam Best One Fleet Service for a two-year period ending November 12, 2020 for fixed pricing for tires for the City of Romulus DPW Department. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-396 5C. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Abdo** to concur with the administration and award Bid ITB 18/19-15 Official Publications Newspaper for the publication of all City notices to Associated Newspapers for the calendar year 2019 at the printing rates submitted in the bid document. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6A. Clerk's Report

City Clerk, Ellen Craig-Bragg, thanked all the workers and volunteers who helped with the November 6th Election.

18-397 6A1. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to concur with the Property Disposition Committee that the City of Romulus does not wish to acquire any of the properties included on the Wayne County Treasurer's Unsold Tax Foreclosed Properties for Year 2018 dated November 2, 2018 due to the fact that none of the properties are adjacent to existing city-owned property. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

6B. Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer, Stacy Paige, gave an overview of the City Quarterly Financial Investment Report. Tax bills will be received by December 1, 2018.

7. Public Comment

A resident spoke about the towing of her car.

A citizen asked if there is a projected date for a new fire station to open in Romulus and if there will be any job cuts. A resident spoke about the National Day of Kindness.

8. Unfinished Business

Councilman Wadsworth gave a reminder that Helping Hands is in need of turkeys. Mayor Burcroff read a memo from the police department regarding a resident's eviction. The mayor also informed that he will pass along the information when it is available in regards to the opening of a fire station.

18-397 8A. Moved by **Webb,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Karl" Eric" Butler. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

9. New Business

Councilwoman Abdo announced that the National Honors Society is holding a "Chad Tough" bowling fundraiser.

10. Communication

Councilwoman Abdo spoke about donations for veterans.

18- 398 11A. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Talley** to pay Warrant 18-21 in the amount of $1,847,265.87. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

18-399 11B. Moved by **Abdo,** seconded by **Webb** to pay Warrant 18-21E in the amount of $15,105.00. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

12. Moved by **Wadsworth,** seconded by **Roscoe** to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council. **Motion Carried Unanimously**.

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held on November 13, 2018.

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4 retire from public safety department

Four long-time veterans of the Canton Township Public Safety Department have retired.

Police Ofc. Thomas Champagne, Fire Capt. George "Matt" Mearnic, Police Ofc. Randall Rankin, and Police Sgt. Daniel Traylor were honored for their years of service by the department as they began their retirements last week.

Ofc. Thomas Champagne

Fire Capt. George "Matt" Mearnic

Ofc. Randall Rankin

Sgt. Daniel Traylor

Champagne was hired by Canton in 1998, starting his 20-year career as a police officer. During those two decades, Champagne was assigned to numerous special units and assignments including assignments as a motorcycle officer, the Honor Guard, with the detective bureau and the rapid response unit and acted as a field training officer. Most recently, he was selected as an undercover detective assigned to a federal task force unit, working with a team of investigators on high-end felony cases.

Champagne was meticulous with his duties as a police officer, dedicated to the job and serving the community at large, according to Public Safety Director Joshua Meier.

"Tom successfully found a balance in performing his duties while perpetually displaying compassion to those in need. This kindness is well-documented by the numerous complimentary notes received throughout his career," Mutchler said.

Mearnic was hired as a Canton Firefighter/Paramedic in 1998, and was promoted to the rank of captain in 2013. As a Firefighter/Paramedic, Mearnic was assigned to an ambulance, providing Advanced Life Support medical treatment to thousands of patients with varying injuries and illnesses. He was later trained as an operator, running the multi-faceted fire engines and pumper trucks on fire scenes. As a captain, Mearnic was responsible for numerous administrative duties, along with overseeing a crew of firefighters responding to emergency calls for service. Mearnic took on several additional projects, most notably working toward updating the department mapping system.

"Matt's pleasant demeanor was consistent throughout his career, enhancing his delivery of service to the public, and making him an admired co-worker by all," noted Meier.

Rankin was hired by Canton in 1992, starting his 26-year career as a police officer. During this time, Rankin was assigned to several special units and assignments including working as a department instructor, with the bicycle unit, the rapid response unit and as a field training officer. He also completed a prominent assignment with the accident investigation unit where he took part in processing countless crash investigations for criminal prosecution.

"As a field training officer, Randy took pride in training new recruits, preparing them for their career in law enforcement. And, as a senior patrol officer, he continued to mentor younger officers for long-term growth and success. Officer Rankin enjoyed working the road, handling every type of scenario imaginable. His good-humored personality could diffuse a stressful situation, or simply lighten-up a dark day in police work for his co-workers," Meier said.

Traylor was hired as a Canton police officer in 1993, and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2013. During his time as a patrol officer, Traylor participated in numerous special assignments including those of field training officer, as a rifle Instructor and as a member of the elite Western-Wayne Special Operations Team. He was also selected as a handler for the department's K-9 Unit, working with his canine German shepard partner, Lefty, for seven years.

"As a sergeant, Dan spent four years assigned to the detective bureau, where he supervised the daily operations of all criminal investigations, as well as Canton's five ordinance officers. Sergeant Traylor consistently displayed commitment and dedication to all aspects of his career, and worked hard to serve the Canton community with pride," Meier commented.

"The Public Safety Department is losing these four solid employees who have dedicated the last 20-plus years of their lives to protecting the people and property in our community," said Meier. "Each of these men brought distinct personal attributes to the department, and their presence will be notably missed."

Roads

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allocation within the Downtown Development Authority district for the Ford Road boulevard project.

Residents who spoke at the study session commented about safety concerns on major roads such as Ford, Canton Center, Haggerty and Sheldon as well as concerns about their own subdivisions.

Faas explained the Roads Task Force recommendations, including exploring "the difference of the township form of government and the city form of government."

At 6 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 18, the Canton trustees will meet to hear from both the Michigan Municipal League and Michigan Townships Association about possible cityhood for Canton, including financial implications.

Faas said the township consultant will likely have some local road recommendations in January. He outlined the letter/form plan to "precommit" to local projects of one of three sizes: 0 to $50,000, requiring a 5 percent match; $50,000 to $100,000, requiring a 10 percent match and up to $200,000, with a 20 percent match required.

"We want to get you in the work queue," Williams told one woman who asked about bad roads. "Those subdivisions that are organized will probably get their roads done first."

Trustee Anne Marie Graham-Hudak noted some areas don't have homeowner associations, adding those residents can still apply for road upgrade money. Faas said in early 2019 the HOA/resident letters will be reviewed. "That'll help us build an inventory of projects" for the three years of work ending in 2022, Faas noted.

"Does it make sense to cluster projects to get economies of scale?" he asked, noting work also can't be too disruptive to drivers and residents in one area.

An expanded work group is forming to help with the township road allocations. Faas explained developers generally decide on use of asphalt vs. concrete.

Faas referenced the township "80-pound suitcase" on road projects paperwork as well as "sore spots we've collected over the years."

Ford Road traffic volume is especially high, and the Canton Township boulevard plan for the area has struggled for many years seeking state grant funds. Faas answered a resident that funding could extend the boulevard, a traffic calming/safety effort, further west to the Belle Tire location area.

Faas said the 2014 Traffic and Environment Study on Ford Road is done, and in the spring of 2019, weather permitting, surveyors will start their Ford Road work in Canton.

"There's a lot of steps involved," said Faas, noting the Michigan Department of Transportation is imminent in listing Ford Road under its auspices "before Christmas to hopefully deliver some good news," Faas said of an intergovernmental agreement to improve Ford Road, which has a number of traffic crashes.

"The timing is so critical," said Williams, who said he will schedule a special meeting of the board of trustees specifically to discuss Ford Road. "We don't want to lose days."

Added Faas of state MDOT officials, "They're treading carefully. We too want to be careful."

Williams said county officials tell him the closed Lilley Road bridge, south of Palmer Road, will reopen in June 2019.

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1. Obituaries

Sherrie Lynn Hemby

Sherrie Lynn Hemby, 69, of Van Buren Township, passed away Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2018 at her home.

She was born Nov. 13, 1949 in Wayne, the daughter of Donald and Margery (Archer) Gifford. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School and then moved to Belleville, where she resided for nearly 50 years.

She loved camping and family cook-outs, and was known for her salads. She also enjoyed Palm trees and butterflies. She was a former member of the Belleville Moose Lodge #934.

Mrs. Hemby is survived by her two daughters: Cindy (Phillip) Musico of Dearborn Heights, and Candy Caincross of Wayne; four grandchildren, Cory (Olivia) Musico, Miranda Musico, Kaitlynn Caincross and Courtney Caincross; two great-grandchildren, Madilynn Musico and Annabell McIntee, and also her loving companion Rick Pierce of Belleville.

Mrs. Hemby was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, John Andrew Hemby who died March 2, 2004.

Funeral services took place Dec. 5, at David C. Brown Funeral Home, 460 E. Huron River Dr., Belleville. Interment was at Hillside Cemetery in Belleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family and would be appreciated.

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- We are seeking dentists, eye doctors, hygienists and dental assistants who are community minded and have a desire to provide better health care for those in need.
- If you have questions or would like to register as a volunteer for this rewarding health event, contact:

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Wayne - Westland

Lighthouse mission serves area homeless, needy

Julie Brown
Special Writer

In his work with homeless people at Westland Full Gospel Temple, Tim Cokley doesn't give up.

"Broken people want to see and hear how they can become whole again," said Cokley, speaking about the Lighthouse Home Missions at a recent meeting of the Westland Rotary Club. The mission offers food, clothing, shelter, job help, and transportation help, along with doctor assistance.

Cokley was asked by Westland Rotarian Lou Toarmina recently about clients who end up breaking his heart. Cokley said he stays full of hope.

"We get over that by still accepting them. We're not there to judge," said Cokley. His congregation at 34033 Palmer Road in Westland welcomes canned goods and other donations. Call (734) 326-3333 to inquire.

"I understand that the cares of the world can knock you off your feet. We start them off where they're at," Cokley said.

His pride was evident when he spoke of the church feeding 10,000 families a year through private donations. Cokley shared a story of a man who was able to buy a home with a VA loan. That man said, "My heart went out," and he gave others down on their luck a short-term place to live.

"Our Warming Center stands out from all the shelters in western Wayne County," said Cokley, who has been a speaker at the Westland Safe Step facility where clients are in recovery, as he is.

"He's definitely a servant to others," Westland Rotarian Don Oesterwind of Safe Step said of Cokley, who this year married a nurse.

"I was a retired truck driver" with grown children and grandkids, said Cokley, a former Marine. He shared the Bible story of Joseph's animosity with and forgiveness toward his 10 brothers.

"Are you going to go back and help the individuals that have fallen through the cracks?" was Cokley's call. "Explain to them that you came from among them. You'll be a shining light in the midst of a dark world."

Cokley's also proud of a woman who got back on her feet with a job, home and car.

Westland Rotarians and their District 6400 grant funded a clothes washer and dryer at Lighthouse, as well as sheets.

"They really are pretty amazing," Oesterwind said of the volunteers at Full Gospel Temple's Lighthouse where Pastor Ruby C. Beneteau heads up the mission work.

Suspect sought in theft of glasses off victim's face

Westland police investigators are attempting to identify a man who grabbed a pair of Cartier glasses valued at $2,600 off the face of the owner last month. Police reports indicate the victim was waiting in line at the BP Gas station at 7139 Wayne Road at about 6:25 p.m. Nov. 4 when a man grabbed his glasses off his face and attempted to leave the store. A brief struggle ensued, police said, and the suspect was able to run to a vehicle parked in the lot and flee the scene. The struggle caused damage to gas station property and merchandise although the victim was not seriously injured. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 20 years old, 5-feet, 10-inches to 6-feet tall and weighing approximately 140 pounds. The suspect had short black hair which he wore in braids. Anyone with any information regarding this incident, or who is able to identify the suspect, is asked to call Westland police at (734) 467-7956.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10, 2019 for the following:

SPRING 2019 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on our website at www.canton-mi.org, or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 27, 2018

A Study Session meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak (arrived at 6:02 p.m.), Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Faas, Director Trumbull, Township Engineer – Bill Serchak, Accounting Manager – Sarah Clay **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **STUDY SESSION: Topic 1. Canton's 2019 Road Improvement Program** Director Faas presented a PowerPoint outlining the breakdown of what has been accomplished on the 2019 Canton Road Improvement Program. A complete copy of the PowerPoint presentation and additional documents presented at this session are available through the Township Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton MI 48188 during regular business hours or by calling 734-394-5120. The session concluded with a question/answer session with the board and residents in attendance. Board Comments: Trustee Graham-Hudak asked if the repairs in subdivisions would be asphalt or concrete. Serchak commented the repairs would be completed in accordance with existing materials. Trustee Anthony asked about a warranty on the repairs/work being done. Serchak explained how warranties work. Clerk Siegrist asked about costs of various projects that were completed in the township over the past few years. He inquired about how large portion projects are handled. Serchak explained the township will still be investigating federal grants as well as monitoring the projects Wayne County will have in the future. Treasurer Slavens requested the letter of interest be placed on our website for subdivisions to submit. Faas explained the local roads list will be submitted at the Study Session Trustee Sneideman asked about how the design phase is handled. Director Faas covered the steps in this process and where Canton is in this process. Sneideman asked about bonding to cover the costs. Director Trumbull explained how a "loan" works with the state and the process for repayment by the township. Sneideman asked about projects for 2020 on major roads. Faas explained that should be revealed by spring of 2019. Trustee Foster asked if an HOA is interested in a project will the township work with them to determine what it might cost. Director Faas replied yes. Clerk Siegrist asked what will happen to the 15% allocation to state roads after the Ford Road project is completed. Director Trumbull commented it all depends upon the right-of-way acquisition portion and how much remains. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to adjourn at 7:27 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. ____**Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** ____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Charter Township of Canton Board Proceedings – November 27, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton was held Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at 1150 Canton Center S., Canton, Michigan. Supervisor Williams called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. **Roll Call** Members Present: Anthony, Foster, Graham-Hudak, Siegrist, Slavens, Sneideman, Williams Members Absent: None Staff Present: Director Hohenberger, Director Faas, Director Meier, Director Trumbull Staff Absent: **Adoption of Agenda** Motion by Graham-Hudak, supported by Anthony to amend the agenda to remove Item G-4 Consider Approval of an Agreement with the Michigan Department of Transportation for the Ford Road (M-153) Boulevard Project (MSD). Motion carried unanimously. **Payment of the Bills:** Motion by Slavens, supported by Anthony to approve payment of the bills as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Approval of Minutes** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to approve the Board Meeting Minutes of November 13, 2018 as presented. Motion carried unanimously. **Citizen's Non-Agenda Item Comments: None RECOGNITION: Public Safety Promotion Recognition – Police Sergeant – Adam Shulman** Motion by Anthony, supported by Sneideman to enter the recognition of the promotion of Adam Shulman to Police Sergeant into the Public Record. Motion carried unanimously. Clerk Siegrist swore in Sgt. Shulman. **PUBLIC HEARING: PH-1: Public Hearing and Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget**. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Foster to open the Public Hearing for the Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Anthony to close the Public Hearing for the Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Director/Staff Comments - None There were no public comments - None Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to adopt the following resolution. Motion carried unanimously. **RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019 Budget WHEREAS,** Act 359 of 1947, The Charter Township Act, requires that the annual budget be adopted by resolution and; **WHEREAS,** pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and .413, notice of a Public Hearing on the proposed 2019 budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on November 15, 2018 and a Public Hearing on the proposed budget was held on November 27, 2018. **NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that estimated total revenues and expenditures for the 2019 fiscal year are hereby appropriated on a fund level basis. Totals by fund are as follows:

Fund #	Fund Description	2019 Proposed Budget
101	General Fund	$ 28,727,080
204	Roads Fund	$ 6,815,000
206	Fire Fund	$ 16,227,310
207	Police Fund	$ 22,447,477
208	Community Center Fund	$ 3,804,801
219	Street Lighting Fund	$ 341,650
230	Cable TV Fund	$ 1,903,000
246	Community Improvement Fund	$ 3,550,750
248	Downtown Development Authority	$ 2,079,000
261	911 Service Fund	$ 2,579,153
265	Organized Crime-Drug Enforcement	$ 570,000
266	WWN Forfeiture Fund	$ 548,000
274	CDBG Fund	$ 411,000
301	Energy Project Debt Service	$ 392,432
403	Capital Projects - Roads Fund	$ 3,578,000
584	Golf Course Fund	$ 3,977,354
592	Water & Sewer Fund	$ 38,652,000
596	Garbage & Rubbish Collection	$ 4,311,600
661	Fleet Maintenance Fund	$ 2,157,501
736	Post Employment Benefits Fund	$ 3,771,454
852	Special Assessment Debt Service Fund	$ 211,154

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Supervisor has the authority to approve budget adjustments between departments based upon recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director in accordance with adopted policies. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Charter Township of Canton Board adopts the 2019 budget for the various funds on a fund level. Township officials responsible for the expenditures authorized in the budget may expend Township funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each fund. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall not be any new positions created that shall result in an increase in employee headcount within a department or division without prior Township Board approval. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Township Supervisor has the authority to fill existing vacant and budgeted positions and reclassified positions based upon the recommendation by the appropriate Department Director and the Finance and Budget Director. **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that claims against the Township shall be approved by the Charter Township of Canton Board prior to being paid. The Township Clerk and the Township Treasurer may authorize payment of certain claims prior to approval by the Township Board to avoid late penalties, service charges and interest, for example utilities and payroll, in accordance with approved salaries and hourly rates adopted by the Township Board. The Township Board shall receive a list of those claims paid prior to approval, for approval at the next Board meeting. A copy of the Budget is available by contacting the Charter Township of Canton Clerk's Office **CONSENT CALENDAR: Item C-1. Consider 2019 Meeting Dates for the Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to establish the 2019 Canton Commission for Culture, Arts & Heritage meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the Lower Level Meeting Room E of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, quarterly on the designated Thursday of the established months. Meeting Dates: February 7, 2019 May 9, 2019 August 8, 2019 November 14, 2019 Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-2. Consider approval of the 2019 Planning Commission Meeting Dates. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to set the 2019 Planning Commission Meeting schedule at 7:00 p.m. in the First Floor Meeting Room of the Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road as follows: January 7, February 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 9, October 7, November 4 and December 2, 2019.Motion carried unanimously. **Item C-3. Consider Second Reading of an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, by adding a New Article VIII, entitled "Marihuana Establishments." (Supv.)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to remove from the table, hold the Second Reading and adopt an amendment to Canton Code of Ordinances, which amends Chapter 18 of Canton Code of Ordinances, to be published and become effective on December 06, 2018. Motion carried unanimously. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 18 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 18, BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE VIII TO PROHIBIT MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS AS AUTHORIZED BY THE MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIHUANA ACT THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE**: Chapter 18 of the Charter Township of Canton Code Ordinance is hereby amended to add a new Article VII entitled "Marihuana Establishments" to read as follows: **ARTICLE VII. – MARIHUANA ESTABLISHMENTS** Sec. 18-800. – Marihuana Establishments Prohibited. (a) Pursuant to the Michigan Regulation and Taxation of Marihuana Act, Section 6.1, the Township elects to prohibit marihuana establishments within its boundaries. **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance. **SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES** All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 4. SAVINGS CLAUSE** All rights and duties which have matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance. **SECTION 5. PUBLICATION** The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law. **SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE** This Ordinance, as amended, shall be effective upon publication as required by law. **CERTIFICATION** The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 27th day of November, 2018, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law. Michael Siegrist, Clerk Introduced: November 14, 2018 Adopted: November 27, 2018 Published: December 6, 2018 Effective: December 6, 2018 **Item C-4. Consider Second Reading of an ordinance to amend Chapter 46, Article VII, Division 1, of the Canton Code of Ordinances entitled "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" to revise Section and 46-506. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to remove from the table, hold the Second Reading and adopt an amendment to Canton Code of Ordinances, which amends Chapter 46 of Canton Code of Ordinances, to be published and become effective on December 06, 2018. Motion carried unanimously. **STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF WAYNE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CHAPTER 46 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE VIII, DIVISION 1, OF THE CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS" TO REVISE SECTION 46-506. THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS: SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE**: Chapter 46 of the Charter Township of Canton Code Ordinance, Article VIII, entitled "**OFFENSES AND MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**", Division 1, entitled "**GENERALLY**" Section 46-506, is hereby amended to read as follows: **Sec. 46-506. - Possession or use of tobacco, vapor products or alternative nicotine products.** (a) [unchanged] (b) [unchanged] (c) *Penalty*. A person who violates subsection (b) of this section is guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not more than $50.00 for each offense. If the court determines it is appropriate, eligible juveniles may be referred to a diversion program. Pursuant to a probation order, the court may require a person who violates subsection (b) of this section to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program, if available. A probationer who is ordered to participate in a health promotion and risk reduction assessment program under this section is responsible for the cost of participating in the program. In addition, a person who violates this section is subject to the following: (1) For the first violation the court may order the person to do one of the following: a. Perform not more than 16 hours of community service. b. Participate in a health promotion and risk reduction program, as described in this subsection. (2) For a second violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 32 hours of community service. (3) For a third or subsequent violation, in addition to participation in a health promotion and risk reduction program, the court may order the person to perform not more than 48 hours of community service. **SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY** If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, or the application of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this ordinance. **SECTION 3. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES** All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed only to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect. **SECTION 4. 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Consider Authorization of Transportation Services 2019 Budget Amendment. (CLS)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the following FY 2019 budget amendment to increase the expenditures in account # 101-670.860, Social Services – Transportation in the amount of $22,000. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to amend a previously authorized 3 year agreement with an auto renewal option to the Nankin Transit Commission. The amount of the contract with Nankin Transit Commission is not to exceed the annual amount of $471,027 in year one, $412,395 in year two and 423,348 in year three of the contract. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-2. Consider Approval of Minor Revisions to the Building & Inspection Services Fee Schedule. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve the revisions to the Building & Inspection Services Fee Schedule, and for that change to take effect on January 1, 2019. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-3. Consider Approval and Adoption of the 2018 Water Distribution System Master Plan. (MSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Slavens to approve and adopt the 2018 Water Distribution System Master Plan as prepared by OHM in August 2018. Motion carried unanimously. **Item G-4. Removed by amendment to the agenda. (MSD) Item G-5. Consider Approval of the Public Safety Department's Five Year Strategic Plan. (PSD)** Motion by Siegrist, supported by Sneideman to approve the Public Safety Department's Five-Year Strategic Plan 2019-2023, as previously presented to the Canton Board of Trustees. Motion carried unanimously. Director Meier thanked the board for their support throughout the process of creating this comprehensive plan. He also thanked his staff. **ADDITIONAL PUBLIC COMMENT:** None **OTHER:** Director Hohenberger stated The Turkey Trot has over 1400 runners raising over $20,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation. Township Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place on Wednesday December 5, 2018. **ADJOURN:** Motion by Anthony, supported by Foster to adjourn at 7:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. _____ **Michael A. Siegrist, Clerk** _____**Pat Williams, Supervisor**

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BELLEVILLE - INKSTER - ROMULUS

Man faces felony charges in robbery

An Inkster man is facing multiple felony charges in connection with the armed robbery of a Romulus couple and the shooting of the female victim.

According to reports from the office of Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy, Kyon Lamar Smith, 27, of Inkster, has been charged with two counts of armed robbery; two counts of assault with intent to murder; two counts of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm; two counts of felonious assault; felon in possession of a firearm; felon in possession of ammunition and 10 counts of felony firearm.

The charges stem from a 2 p.m. armed robbery Nov. 24 of a man and woman from Romulus in the 6800 block of Waynecourse Street. According to police, Romulus officers responded to a dispatch call about a woman suffering a gunshot wound to her face. When officers arrived on the scene, they found the 37-year-old woman who had sustained what was described as a significant gunshot wound. She was transported by medics to a local hospital for treatment of her injuries, police said.

It is alleged that the victim and an acquaintance, a 39-year-old Romulus man, met with a potential buyer at the Concorde Apartments in Romulus to discuss the purchase of a vehicle. During the meeting, investigators claim Smith approached the vehicle on the driver's side, pulled out a firearm, and discharged it, striking the victim. Smith left the scene on foot and was later apprehended, according to prosecutors.

Smith was arraigned Nov. 28 before 34th District Court Judge David Parrott.

The Probable Cause Conference is scheduled for Dec. 12, before 34th District Court Judge Lisa Martin. His preliminary court examination on the charges is scheduled for Dec.19. before Judge Brian Oakley, also in 34th District Court. The defendant received a $1 million dollar/10 percent bond.

Kyon Lamar Smith

Coffee time

Residents are invited to join the Inkster Police Department for a cup of coffee and conversation during Coffee With A cop set for 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 20 at Applewood Coney Island, 28640 Michigan Ave. Coffee with a Cop is a national initiative started in California in March 2011 to improve relations between law enforcement officers and the citizens they serve daily. The program has become nationally recognized, with departments from all 50 states participating in national Coffee with a Cop Day in October since 2016. Community members are encouraged to ask officers questions and voice their concerns during the event. Department officers use the event as an opportunity to connect with the community they serve just as they did above during the event last month.

Volunteers are sought for free medical clinic

Adventist Community Health is seeking volunteers to participate in a free healthcare event set for 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 24 in Belleville.

The group is seeking dentists, eye doctors, hygienists and dental assistants to volunteer their services for the day during the free service event provided to members of the community.

All volunteers are covered by a $100,000 malpractice/liability policy.

The event is sponsored by the Belleville Seventh-day Adventist Church and will take place at Edgemont Elementary School in the gymnasium. The school is located at 125 Edgemont St. in Belleville.

Local coordinators of the health care event are Nathaniel Oregon (918) 902-9977 and Adam Woolf (734) 721-5330. The dental vision coordinator is Randy Griffin, DDS who can be reached at (317) 409-3260 or randy.griffin@lakeunion.org.

Information is also available at bellevillefreedentalclinic@gmail.com.

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Award

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and the public at large, providing businesses with a key recruiting tool and job seekers with local opportunities.

• Business-retention visits to local businesses by Burcroff, Keyes, DDA Director Merrie Druyor and other key team members. The mayor also schedules occasional staff meetings on the road so administrative city staff can interact with local business leaders.

• Realtor/developer opportunity events, which showcase key buildings and areas to those connected to potential new businesses and developments.

Romulus focus on business retention and attraction involves a proven system that guides owners, CEOs and managers through the best process of locating a successful business in a city. Business clients are introduced to all of the appropriate agencies to ensure that the entitlement process is smooth, quick, easy and cost-effective, a spokesman explained.

The city operates much like a successful business. Experts are hired to fill key municipal positions that enable quality service. Each business and industry customer is provided information about the city and its services, while listing the appropriate steps toward locating a company in Romulus. Once a business moves from planning to development, city staff stays connected while providing an open door, the spokesperson continued.

Keyes, who has 33 years of economic development experience both in government and in private industry, is key to the entitlement process and is involved in every new development that is considering Romulus, the spokesperson added.

The city is known for its proximity to all major forms of transportation. Romulus is one of only a few small cities in the country that offers immediate access to an international airport, Detroit Metropolitan, for passenger and cargo service. The city is intersected by major railways and is at the nexus of two major highways, Interstates 94 and 275.

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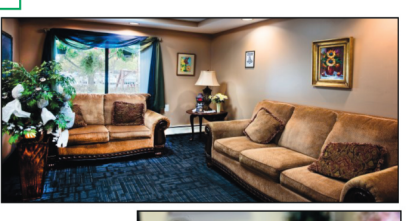

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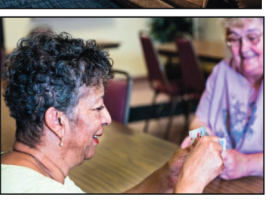

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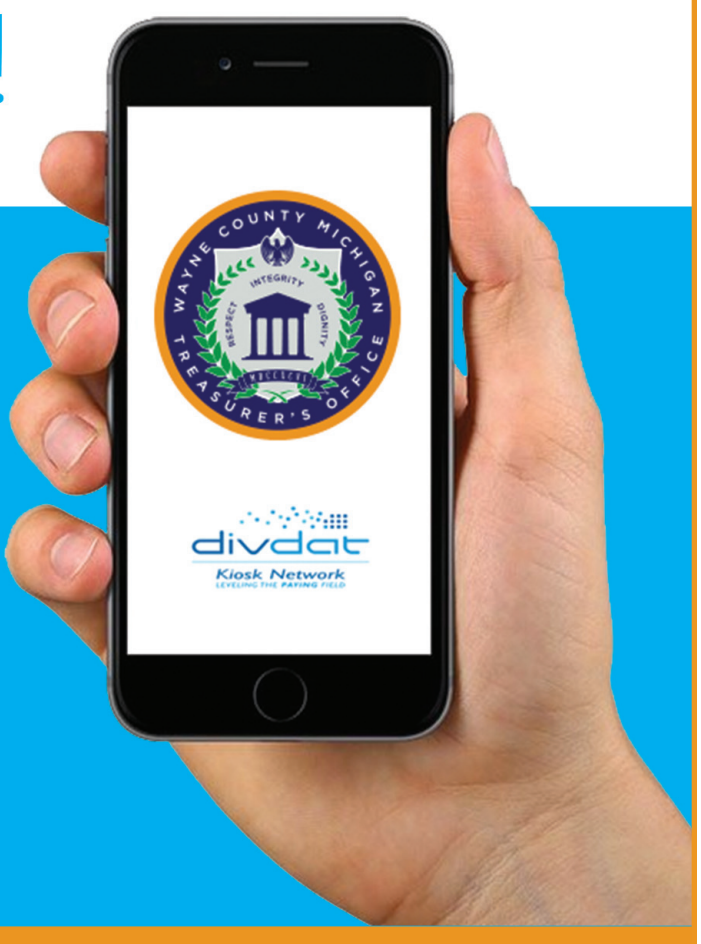

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Calendar of events

Help for seniors available

CUP the Community Up Project will provide services for the elderly and disabled residents of Inkster at no cost.

Available services include snow removal, trash removal, lawn care, minor repairs, errands, building and repair of handicap accessories.

For more information, contact Queen Paris Jones, (313) 778-0931.

Canton concert planned

The Canton Concert Band will present "Making Spirits Bright!"- a special holiday concert for the entire family at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill in Canton at 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec.8.

A special visitor will attend the concert; Santa will be in the lobby at 6 p.m. until show time, at intermission, and after the performance. This special visitor will be available for photos and to hear Christmas wishes from children. The Canton Concert Band members will be assisting Santa during pre-show by performing holiday favorites in the lobby as well.

Tickets can be purchased, and printed at home or held in will call, anytime at www.cantonvillagetheater.org at no extra charge. The box office is open from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. weekdays. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone by calling (734) 394-5300 x3, with a Visa or MasterCard between the hours of 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. weekdays. If tickets are available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to program time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

Bowling fundraiser planned

A Bowling Fundraiser for pediatric Cancer Research is planned for 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9 at Romulus Lanes, 37452 West Huron River Dr. in Romulus

There is a $20 donation requested with presale tickets available. There will also be tickets available at the door. Registration will begin at 3:30 and bowling will start at 4 p.m. also planned are gift basket raffles and pizza will be provided to bowlers.

This is a Romulus High School National Honor Society sponsored event.

Christmas tea served

Members of the Canton Historical Society will host their annual Christmas Tea at the Bartlett-Travis House, one of Canton's oldest homes, from 1-3 p.m. Dec. 8. Guests can take a step back in time and enjoy a holiday afternoon tea in the festively decorated house, one of the oldest in the community. The home is located in Preservation Park at 500 N. Ridge Road in Canton. An assortment of teas, a light meal, and desserts will be served. Tickets are $25 per person and seating is limited. Purchase tickets at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, Canton. For more information visit www.cantonhistoricalsociety.org.

Nifty Fifties exhibit open

Christmas has come to the Plymouth Historical Museum with the popular "Nifty Fifties" exhibit. The exhibit highlights that age of hula-hoops, rock-n-roll and drive-in movies and has now added a "Rock around the Christmas Tree" flavor for visitors to enjoy and appreciate.

There are decorated Christmas trees, wreaths, Christmas lights and other holiday touches interspersed with the artifacts of long ago.

The exhibit will be open until Dec. 30. Museum hours are 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The museum is located at 155 South Main St., Plymouth. For more information, call (734) 455-8940 x0.

Award nominees sought

The Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce is now accepting nominations for the Business of the Year Award to be presented at the annual banquet Jan. 12.

Nominees for this award will exemplify the best in what people expect from a small town business, as well as placing an emphasis on customer service, quality product and beautification of their building and/or goods.

The award committee members will consider the nominee's involvement in the community, the chamber, the schools, area non-profits, continued capital investment in the business and an overall community presence.

Businesses can be nominated with a short paragraph including the business and owner's name and the reason for the nomination and submitted to the Belleville Are Chamber of Commerce, 248 Main St, Belleville, MI 48111.

For more information, call (734) 697-7151.

Santa visits museum

The Belleville Central Business Community is sponsoring Photos With Santa from noon until 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 and Dec. 15 at the Belleville Area Museum.

The photos will be in conjunction with the Festival of Holiday Trees exhibit under way at the museum, located at 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville.

Potters guild plans sale

Members of the Cherry Hill Potters Guild are planning a pottery sale for 2 until 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9.

The sale will feature original handmade pottery from 20 artists all crafted in Plymouth. The sale will take place at the Canton Human Services Building at 50430 School House Road in Cherry Hill Village, Canton. Items include a large variety of pieces like mugs, bowls, decorative items and sculpture. For more information visit www.cherryhillpotters.org

The Cherry Hill Potters Guild is a diverse community of clay artists who will operate in the Village Arts Factory, a regional arts center being developed in Cherry Hill Village which will offer art education programs and studio space for artists.

Spotlight on Youth performers bring holiday magic to their rehearsal of "Jingle Jury" at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. (Photo courtesy of Joe Kvoriak)

Jingle Jury on Canton Stage

More than 30 Spotlight on Youth performers will perform in "Jingle Jury," a musical comedy adventure in the Biltmore Studio at The Village Theater on Cherry Hill from Dec. 6 - 9.

The plot is sure to entertain all ages, as the Candy Cane Courthouse is now in session and the audience is the jury. The defendant, young Jim Dandy, has called Christmas spirit 'a lot of nonsense', but that won't fly in the Christmas court. Jim tries to defend himself, but it's hard when even Mrs. Cratchit and Tiny Tim make an appearance. It's up to the Toy Maker to discover why Jim is acting so strangely.

Tickets for the event are $12 and can be purchased online at www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling (734) 394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at The Village Theater Box Office one hour prior to show time.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton.

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